

# — YOUR DUNDAS MANOR DREAM —

NOTHING FEELS AS GOOD AS HOME



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## Shovels in the Ground for the New Dundas Manor

It was both work and play as dozens of residents, families, staff, donors, neighbours and community members came together at the official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Dundas Manor in December.

"No fancy, shiny shovels for us," noted Dundas Manor Board Chair Lisa Little. "Our community is made up of hard-working, practical and caring people – so we brought our own! Everyone has a part to play in the building of the new Dundas Manor!"

And more good news! Frecon Construction – a local company based in Russell – has been awarded the contract to build the new home. It will take approximately two years to complete.

We are so grateful to everyone who has played a part in getting us to this significant milestone.



## You Are Part of the Magic!

Our wonderful donors have given over \$12.5 million so far to help build the new, larger, safe Dundas Manor! This is another exciting milestone for the campaign and our small but mighty community deserves all the credit. It's so exciting to see shovels in the ground!





## An Amazing Day!

Front and centre at the groundbreaking ceremony were Dundas Manor residents and families. "I was at the announcement in 2020 when the Ministry gave approval to build the new Dundas Manor and I'm here today to celebrate that it is finally starting," announced resident Joan Dunlop. "I am turning ninety and we can't wait for the bulldozers to arrive to start building our new, beautiful home."

Here are just a few more snaps from the special day.







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## Meet Joan

**On the first day in the new home,** Joan says she is going to lay down on her new bed, read and eat candy! And she can't wait!

Joan would love to still be living in her home in Finch, but says she feels much safer at Dundas Manor. She values the special bonds she has made with staff and other residents. Joan loves to read and looks forward to the deliveries from the local library. On warmer days, she

enjoys rides around town on the tri-wheel bike. And she loves to eat - and says they do a lot of that at Dundas Manor!

*"I speak on behalf of Dundas Manor residents who love this home and the people who live and work here," says Joan. "We have made the very best of an outdated physical structure. The new home will provide each resident with a better living environment, so we sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts."*

## Why I'm Giving

Every donor is special - and we want to celebrate each of you. By sharing donor stories, we highlight your generosity and also inspire others to join in the dream. Here are a few of your fellow donors who have already provided support to build the new Dundas Manor.

### a-MAZE-ing

It may be a little chilly for the Mountain Orchards corn maze now, but it was a busy place during the warmer months as families enjoyed the twists and turns, while supporting the new Dundas Manor at the same time. By the end of the summer, visitors had donated \$500 for the new home. Mountain Orchards matched this amount, resulting in a \$1,000 gift for the campaign.



### Lions Roar!

Our local Lions Clubs have been busy and we are so grateful.

Thank you to the Mountain & District Lions Club who have pledged \$40,000 to the campaign. They recently presented a cheque for \$10,000, noting Dundas Manor is here for our community and so are the Mountain Lions. "The new Dundas Manor will allow 128 residents to call it their home," said Club Treasurer Josh Cooper. "Thank you to the community for supporting our Club and making this pledge possible."

The Morrisburg Lions recently presented a cheque for \$21,249 - \$14,500 raised through their Catch the Ace lottery and \$6,749 from their Car Rally. "We were very pleased with the results of our car rally! Thanks to our five local Lions Clubs who supported it by entering a car and manning the checkpoints," noted President Linda Robinson.

And the Winchester Lions Club have done it again with a \$10,000 donation. And even better - they've pledged an additional \$10,000 to the campaign. Lions Club President Tammy Cinnamon says this project is important to the club: "Dundas Manor is the only long-term care home in North and South Dundas and neighbours and friends are well cared for there every day. With a new building, the Dundas Manor team can do even more for our community. We are happy to help."



# Thank you

## Chesterville Rotary Club

Quack! Quack! The Rotary Club of Chesterville and District donated the proceeds from its famous Duck Race to the WDMH Foundation – with \$1,700 going to the campaign. We will continue to support WDMH and Dundas Manor as both are important to our community," they said.



## Mustard's Variety

Mustard's Variety in Iroquois celebrated 35 years in business in January and owners Jim and Jan have been busy doing what they always do – giving back to the local community. They recently presented cheques to seven different charities, including \$500 to the campaign.



## Winchester Chapter 310 of the Eastern Star

The Winchester chapter has been supporting local charities and causes since 1961. As it closes, its committed volunteers continue to make a positive impact in our community. They have donated \$2,950 to the campaign.



## Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association

At the WDMH Foundation, we love it when donors get creative. And the Dundas Soil and Crop Improvement Association certainly did! The Board asked its members to consider donating the value of one ton of corn - or more - to help build the new Dundas Manor. And many agreed. At its Annual General Meeting, the Board presented a cheque for \$41,320 to the campaign.





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## Meet Mary

For Mary, the only thing that would make **Dundas Manor better** is if Tom Selleck lived there too. She's a big fan! There are even pictures of Tom in her room. But Mary says the pictures of her family everywhere are the most important thing in her room.

If you ask Mary if she's ever owned a dog, get ready for her answer. Mary and her late husband Keith used to show and breed award-winning English Mastives. Mary fondly recalls the father and son duo named Thunder and Corporal. Both dogs went on to become Canadian Champions. Pictures of Mary's prize-winning dogs still hang in her room too.

Mary says she is happy living at Dundas Manor and that it feels like home. She loves Chinese food nights and the fresh fruit that is served. When asked about the new Dundas Manor, Mary can't wait. On move-in day, she says she is going to test out her new bed with a rest and then go and eat. And she'll be putting all those pictures up as soon as she moves in!



# Happiness and Joy



Throughout 2023, Dundas Manor celebrated 45 years of caring with a year-long birthday party.

On April 5, 1978, the Manor opened its doors. In a special section of the paper, the Winchester Press reported that the new home "will bring the county to the forefront in nursing care for the elderly", noting that "the \$1 million complex offers the best in patient care, with ultra-modern kitchen and laundry facilities, and spacious living, activities and craft rooms".

Every day since, the Dundas Manor team has worked hard to make each day special for the many residents who have called Dundas Manor home - inspiring happiness and joy to keep the magic going.

Here are just a few photos from the past year of celebrations. Happy Birthday Dundas Manor!



# Amazing Community Support

In the past few months, the WDMH Foundation has organized two special events in support of the new Dundas Manor. And as usual, our community was there with bells on ... or in one case, sapphires! Thank you so much for your support!



## The Grand Parade Tops \$100,000

The sun was shining and the walkers were smiling as The Grand Parade wound through Winchester in September.

Teams of walkers, dressed in everything from tutus to a strong man costume, waved flags and raised tens of thousands of dollars for the new Dundas Manor. At the end of the day, more than \$100,000 had been given by our generous community!



## A Magical Night Raises \$168,000

Matilda Hall in Dixon's Corners was a sea of blue, white and silver on a cool November night – with both the guests and the decorations getting into the spirit for Sapphires & Snowflakes. There was a lot of laughter as guests enjoyed inspiring presentations, delicious charcuterie boards, live auctions, raffles and great entertainment by comedy and singing duo Bowser & Blue – all in support of the new Dundas Manor. By the end of the evening, more than \$168,000 had been raised to help build the new home!



## Spread the Word

We are so grateful to everyone who has given to the Dundas Manor campaign. And we want others to know about your generosity. If you'd like to have a lawn sign (once the snow is gone!), please feel free to pick one up at the Foundation office or contact Cindy.

We are also looking for donors willing to share why they chose to give to Dundas Manor – and encourage others to join you. If you are interested in being a featured donor, Cindy would love to chat with you.

Cindy Ault Peters can be reached at 343-572-6345 or [cpeters@wdmh.on.ca](mailto:cpeters@wdmh.on.ca). Thanks for your support!

## Let's Keep the Conversation Going

We want to keep you up to date with future issues of Your Dundas Manor Dream.

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